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<u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HEARINGS ON</u> SINGLE-FIRM CONDUCT TO CONTINUE ON DECEMBER 6

Session to be Held in Washington, D.C. to Focus on Misleading and Deceptive Conduct

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) today announced that the latest in a series of joint public hearings designed to examine the implications of single-firm conduct under the antitrust laws will take place on Dec. 6, 2006, in Washington, D.C. As previously announced, these hearings will examine whether and when specific types of single-firm conduct may violate Section 2 of the Sherman Act by harming competition and consumer welfare and when they are procompetitive and lawful. The hearings will continue during the coming months.

The panel on Dec. 6 will explore the circumstances in which misleading and deceptive conduct may be considered exclusionary. The session will be held at the FTC's Conference Center at 601 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., Conference Room A.

Further information is provided below:

Misleading and Deceptive Conduct (9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.):

Michael F. Brockmeyer is a partner at Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law.

George S. Cary is a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP and a former Deputy Bureau Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

Susan A. Creighton is a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC and a former Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

R. Preston McAfee is the J. Stanley Johnson professor of business economics and management at the California Institute of Technology.

Gil Ohana is the director of Antitrust and Competition at Cisco Systems Inc.

Richard P. Rozek is a senior vice president at NERA Economic Consulting.

The public and press are invited to attend all of the hearings. Seating will be on a

first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties may submit written comments to the Antitrust Division and the FTC.

Further information about these hearings will be posted on the Antitrust Division's Web site at http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/hearings/single_firm/sfchearing.htm and on the FTC's Web site at http://www.ftc.gov/os/sectiontwohearings/index.htm. Individuals seeking more information on the hearings should contact Gail Kursh, Deputy Chief, Legal Policy Section, Antitrust Division, at singlefirmconduct@usdoj.gov or Patricia Schultheiss, FTC, at section2hearings2@ftc.gov.

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